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MEMORANDUM for-
The President

Last night, at around 9:30, a friend of mine who lives in my village in Makati and who is also a very close friend of Paul Aquino, youngest hrother of Senator Benigno Aquino, came to my house and informed me that Paul Aquino called him up by telephone several times in the earlier part of the evening and requested him to look for me because Senator Aquino would like to see me that night on a matter of grave national interest. I asked my friend to call Paul Aquino and inform him that I was available any time convenient to the Senator. My friend informed me that he would call Paul back to decide the time and place of the meeting. This was done and it was agreed that I would meet Senator Aquino at 11:00 in the house of my friend in our village in Makati.

At around five minutes to 11:00, my friend and I proceeded to his house which is about three blocks away from my house to wait for Senator Aquino. It was almost 12:00 when Senator Aquino arrived with his brother Paul. When Senator Aquino arrived, he had with him two sealed large manila paper envelops, obviously containing some materials. He paloed the two envelops on the table and started to open them, saying at the same time that he just came from a meeting with Jose Ma. Sison and three others at a residential house in Dasmariñas Village in Makati. I asked him who the owner of the house was but he declined to say so. I asked him who the other three companions of Jose Ma. Sison were and he mentioned that he recognized Julius Fortuna, whom he described to be sporting a long hair and has grown quite heavy. He described the third member of the Sison group as a young man of about 24 to 26 years old and quite bulky. He had not seen him before. The last member of the Sison group was, according to Senator Aquino, a woman, fairly young , described by him as "pangit" and was using the name "Evelyn". He also informed me that the Sison group was using a white-colored

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light car , although he was not sure of the manufacturer of the car.

According to Senator Aquino the meeting was arranged sometime ago through some contact. I am not sure whether it was he or Jose Ma. Sison that initiated the meeting, although he said that the arrangement for the time and place of the meeting was so precise and flawless that he did not know when and where the meeting was to take place until early last night when he was contacted by his designated contact.

Senator Aquino reported that Jose Ma. Sison and Julius Fortuna, the ones speaking for the group , denied that the current bombings are the work of the communist party of the Philippines. He did not elaborate on this.

He also reported that he asked the Sison group about the MV Karagatan incident, but the answer he got was very non-commital. The Sison group neither deny nor admitted the connection of the Communist Party of the Philippines to the MV Karagatan incident. The Sison group, however, stated that the Communist Party of the Philippines has become "very strong",that it is now well-funded and that the "revolution is unavoidable".

There were two important matters taken up during the meeting . The first was a possible "link-up" between the Communist Party of the Philippines and the Liberal Party in terms of funding, propaganda, political action, influencing and utilizing government instrumentalities, including the armed forces, and "elimination of opposition". This "link-up", according to Senator Aquino, was supposed to go far beyond 1974 . Senator Aquino reported that he did not make any Commitment" although it was agreed that he would prepare a draft of some sort of "communique" to be presented to the Sison group for their approval. It was also agreed that another meeting would take place.

The second important matter taken up during the meeting was the position of the Liberal Party leadership should the President declare martial law. Senator Aquino reported that the Sison group wanted to know what "post-martial-law-plan", to borrow a phrase used by Senator Aquino, do the Liberals have. Senator Aquino reported that Sison was convinced that the President would be forced to declare martial law and it was for that reason that Sison wanted to know what plan of action the liberals would follow. I could not now recall what the answer of Senator Aquino was. I think he said something about his duties as a duly elected senator of the Republic and so forth.

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Senator Aquino showed some apprehension during our meeting. He claims that something big is in the offing. According to him, Sison would not be meeting him unless something big and important was being cooked-up. He could not, however, think what it was although he said he was going to find out .

Before we parted I asked Senator Aquino if I could borrow some of the materials contained in the two sealed manila paper envelops and he allowed me to pick out what I needed but he requested me to return them as soon as I finished with them. I got these : Paper back books with titles "Leninism or Social Imperialism", :Manifesto of the Communist Party by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels", "Pomeroy's Portrait: Revisionost Renegade by Amado Guerrero., "Mao Tsetung", on Class Analysis and Social Investigation"; a copy of "Progressive Review" containing the articles of Jose Maria Sison , Angel Baking, Jose W. Diokno, Luis Teodoro, Jr., Ninotchka Rosca, Ricardo D. Ferrer and Keith Buchanan; a pamphlet entitled "Programa Para Sa Demokratikong Rebolution Ng Bayan Ng Pilipinas"; Ang Bayan issues of November 30, 1971, March 3, 1972, June 12, 1972, Agosto 24, 1972, Hunyo 12,1972, Agosto 4, 1972, August 21, 1972, Agosto 24, 1972, August 28, 1972. Agosto 28, 1972, and a mimeographed copy of "Statement on Philippine Statehood Movement".

Although I promised Senator Aquino that I should keep the above meeting in strict confidence, I feel it my duty as SEcretary of National Defense to inform MR. PRESIDENT about it because of the very obvious national security implication of the matter brought to my attention.

JUAN PONCE ENRILE
Secretary

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